Start a Cleaning Business from Home

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Starting a Cleaning Business

Welcome to Work at Home
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Some days, some people have an impossible time trying to find the things they are looking for. Mountains of paper and various trinkets make the office or living space a mess. And don't forget about that dust cupboard or dirty carpet. As long as there have been humans, we have been making messes and none of us want to clean it up. None that is, until the entrepreneur interested in starting their own cleaning business spots the lucrative opportunity and takes advantage.

You can start your own cleaning business for a very small cost. All you need initially are the cleaning supplies you will use as you complete whatever task you have been hired for. Some businesses may even be able to get off the ground with nothing more than a vacuum cleaner. As you grow, you can increase your supplies and do some research to find more products that will make your job more efficient and maybe even save you money.

There are many options available for the prospective cleaner. You can choose from any number of residential, commercial, construction and recently moved-out properties, each required a very thorough cleaning. Residential jobs are generally more specific, as owners will want the job done very well. Commercial jobs are usually on a larger scale, and managers won't feel you need to get every last crumb out of the carpet, so long as there is room and space to work in. Research your options to find out which service is best for you. You may even consider doing a couple of jobs initially for free. Your client will thank you for it, and will be more likely to use your services even when you start charging them for it.

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Customer relations are very important. Even if you make your living cleaning up messes, you need to present yourself as a professional to impress the client. Keep the customer happy and make sure that every job is done on time. You will build a good reputation for doing good work, and of course you will also build a bad reputation if you cut corners.

Insurance is always necessary. Cleaning can be a rough task, and you don't want to get in big financial trouble because of an accident. Accounting and finances are always tricky issues for the new business owner to deal with, and if you can afford the money, hiring a professional can be a great help.

Find other services similar to yours in the area and build a good business relationship with them. You can help each other out; they can offer you jobs if they have their hands full, and vice versa. You can also get ideas for appropriate pricing from these similar companies. You may consider expanding as your company grows. You can hire more employees, and offer extra services such as window cleaning etc.

With all this in mind, you can pay off your bills and be well on your way to a profitable business, one dustpan at a time.

I hope you enjoy this book and find some useful information that will help you get started with your cleaning business.

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Auto Detailing Business

This business is a lucrative one, and you too can turn a love for clean cars into cash.

While you don't need any special certificates, it always helps to have some experience in the field. If you have ever worked with cars before, you will know your way around them. But just about everyone knows how to clean. Do some research to find the best and most efficient ways to do your job.

If you are interested in opening an auto detailing business, you need:

- To decide whether you want your business to be mobile or stationary. With a mobile business, you can travel to meet your clients at their own garage. Without needing to buy any property, you can get your business going for as little as $1000. But you may have to carry your own supply of water with you, rather than relying on your customer to provide for you, which can be expensive. On the other hand, a store will cost a lot to start up, but you can serve many customers and the building itself will draw customers in.
- Be sure to make your business attractive. Nobody will trust you to clean their car if you own a messy store filled with dust or if you drive a muddy truck to the job. You also can benefit from a good routine when it comes to ordering supplies. If you spend hours trying to figure out what you need each time you order, you will be wasting your own valuable time and money. Keep everything neat, tidy and organized!

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- Local car clubs are a great customer base. Invite some members over for a demonstration of your services, so that they can spread the word. You can reach out to a great number of clients, just by making a firm impression with one member. Used car dealers may also strike a deal with you. They will send their old cars to you to shine up, so they can be more sellable. While this option will provide lots of work, you may get some tough jobs and the dealers may not offer you as much money as you might like.
- Be patient and let your company grow! Once you begin to bring in more profit, you can offer more services to ensure that you will always have steady work. You may want to offer to wash or wax your client's cars on a regular basis. Remember that every extra bit of work you do will bring in even more money. With all this cash, you can even buy an attention grabbing car of your own.

Because we drive our cars around all day, all night and everywhere else, they can get dirty. Really dirty! A proud car owner won't want to see their beauty looking like it just rolled out of the desert. Auto detailers offer the ultimate car wash and clean. Once they are finished, the car is left sparkling clean, both inside and out, looking like it just rolled out of the showroom. This will be the main purpose of your business.

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Brick Cleaning/Sand Blasting

Sprucing up the building façade is an excellent idea. This gives the home a cared for look by removing the old dirt and dust that has collected from the street and foliage. The best way to give your building an excellent face-lift is by getting a brick cleaning professional who will guarantee their work.

There may not be any special requirements to do this job, other than having a license with the Better Business Bureau in case something goes wrong. The sand blaster will need a high-powered water source, a commercial cleaner, ladders, and hose to reach the high points of the structure. Of course, you need hard workers who are also protected against foreign objects entering their breathing passages. You will also need protective tarps for the property adjacent to where you are cleaning.

Make sure the contractor or the homeowner alerts the neighbors that this work will be starting on a certain date and concluding on a certain date. This is a protection for you as well. Have flyers to put in prospective clients doors or mail boxes. When meeting people face to face, you should also have business cards with a telephone number and an email address if possible. Have a telephone answering machine or person who is knowledgeable of the business that can help schedule the work.

The day has arrived to start your job. Be on time and if you need to take a break for a meal or restroom, there is an accommodation for these times. If no one is going to be home, have the locations of nearby privileges for your workers. Have the right number of people to get the job done on schedule. Don't make excuses unnecessarily. Be punctual, and clean up behind yourself. In the case of bad weather, you may want to have a backup plan and schedule so as not to have the client waiting for a long period of time.

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The sand blasting is complete and now you must clean up any and all mess from the blasting. Pick up any loose brick and wash down any splatter which has spilled over on the neighbors' property. If some of the splatter has reached their yard, offer to clean it at no cost to them in a reasonable timeframe that is agreed upon by both parties. Check back with the neighbor to ensure they are happy with the cleanup. Never leave a job with a customer or their neighbor unhappy because of something you could have prevented.

Never leave any chemicals around where pets and children can ingest them either by playing in the grass or in the case of pets, eating the grass. Let your client know of any potential harmful effects of the cleaning chemical you will be using. If it is toxic to pets or humans, by all means inform the client. Make every effort to find a cleaner that is non-toxic for the sandblasting. If not, then inform everyone concerned of the safety concern and how they can be protected. In most cases, a strong flush of water will remove toxins from the area, but be sure before using it.

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Builders Cleaning Business

The Builders Cleaning Business is one of the most hectic and well paid cleaning jobs out there. The job is to clean out the dirt after the construction of a building and to prepare it for the public. Construction jobs cause a lot of dust and dirt which includes wooden particles, saw-dust, nails, cement, sand, carpet pieces, metal scraps, broken tiles, paint cans, unwanted wires and a large amount of brick dust. The construction companies generally employ a third party for cleaning out the building once the construction is over. The construction cleaning business is of two types. One job is to clean the interior of the building and to prepare it for the residents. The other one is for cleaning the exterior where a large amount of clay, sand, cement, steel rods, wooden pieces, glasses and other waste which is left behind.

The tools depend on the type of job and the location of the job

The bobcat is a very useful equipment to quickly clean the rubbles present outside. The waste left behind by the construction company cannot be cleaned manually. However, they can be cleaned with extra help, but it is often time consuming. So it is better to rent a bobcat to finish off the outside job as early as you can. Once you are done moving the unwanted waste, you can then begin cleaning up the area. Use proper cleaning tools like broom sticks, trashcans etc. for efficiently removing the debris and other leftovers.

Scrapping tools can be helpful while trying to remove the spilt cement materials and paint particles. Make sure that the concrete is clean and is not damaged by your implements.

Always carry a huge container for stowing the trash. This comes in handy, as the trash will have to be removed every now and then.

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For the interiors, any proper cleaning kit will do. Make sure that you have a vacuum cleaner to start with. The interiors of the building are generally empty and it is easier to clean those using vacuum cleaners, as they aren't time consuming. It is safer to clean the rooms with broomsticks and mops before implementing this in case you are running on a tight budget.

Use a dusting brush for clearing out the dust in case the vacuum cleaner is not effective. Carry one all the time, as power fluctuations are common in new buildings.

Carry a cleaning towel for cleaning the windows and glasses after dampening them. Use some normal window washing liquid for cleaning them. Also carry a separate towel for cleaning the brick and sawdust from the tiles, stones and windowpanes.

Carpet pieces and wooden filings can be present in every nook and corner. So carry a tool to pull these out without causing much strain.

Finally never forget to carry lots of waste paper bags for dumping in the dirt and dust. The trashcans may not be accessible and these help a lot while moving from one room to another. They can be emptied once you are done cleaning the entire building.

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Carpet Cleaning Business

Carpet cleaning is a very common business at present. The main job is to clean the carpets by dusting them, shampooing them and drying them. Even though it sounds easy, it is not so. Transportation poses as a big hurdle in this business. Carpets are huge and heavy and cannot be carried around for cleaning. Instead the carpet cleaning equipment will have to be taken to the customer's location. This involves the need for an effective transportation, as the equipment is quite bulky. It is safer to start the business in a residential location and then spread over to the commercial complexes. Though the prospects of the business are high, the relative investment for the business is low.

The items required by the business are not much and can be listed out easily. The main requirement for the business is a truck or a minivan in which you can transport the equipment. The equipment is bulky and cannot be carried easily. These pickup vans can be rented if required or can be bought once the size of equipment is adjudged. Sometimes the vans can be converted into portable carpet cleaners by attaching water tank, hoses, vacuum pumps and wands.

Truck mounts are for converting the truck into a full time carpet cleaning machine. An effective way to clean carpets as it offers more space. Automatic pump-out systems are for mounting on the vans to get more water pumped using a low amount of power. The next main requirement is that of cleaning wands. They are classified based on their utility and make. They are used for cleaning the carpet manually by means of water and air. It comes attached with a handle, which needs to be manually pushed over the carpet surface.

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Fully automatic carpet cleaners are meant for cleaning very large workspaces. These need to be manually driven all over the carpets to clean them and require no extra effort. They come attached with wheels for movement. They come as a package with all portable equipments attached. Rotary extractors are for vacuum and jet spraying simultaneously. While one part of the equipment sprays water, the other part concurrently vacuums the moisture. This is used for achieving faster drying of the carpets.

Apart from these, the next main item required is shampoo. Choose an effective shampoo, which removes stains and perfumes the carpet. Make sure that it does not leave a bleached effect on the carpet. The other chemicals, which can be used, are rinsing agents, bonnet cleaners and pre-sprays, deodorizers, spotting agents, hard floor chemicals and upholstery products. Brushes come in varying sizes and with different lengths. They can be used for manually cleaning out the carpets before shampooing and cleaning them with water. This helps in removing most of the solid waste from the carpet.

Most of the equipment can be rented from the store for working on the project. There is not any specific education requirement for the job. Proper communication and prior experience in the job is an added advantage. This job can be learnt easily through any user manual and implemented.

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Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Business

A carpet and upholstery cleaning business is easy to start. This type of business requires low overheads. You need very little experience to open this business, but you do need to provide quality work for your customers. Being knowledgeable about stain removal for your carpet and upholstery business will speed up your cleaning jobs. The following is a list of what you will need when starting your business.

1. Quality equipment is a must for your business. Modern technology has improved carpet and upholstery cleaning equipment. Business owners today can now purchase more powerful shampooing and cleaning machines. Improved shampoos and drying equipment will leave your customers carpet and upholstery cleaner longer. Machines can even be mounted to a truck or utility van. These mounted machines have more power than a portable machine.
2. Make sure you have a dependable vehicle or van that has good insurance.
3. Check with your area government offices for information on permits and licensing. You may have to be bonded on certain types of jobs.
4. Employing a good secretary who can handle answering your phone calls and setting appointments will be a lifesaver for you and your company.
5. Time optimization is a good tool for your business. This can help you build your business by getting the most money for your time. The more appointments you can handle during a day, the more it will help you have a lucrative business.

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6 Before starting your business you will want to check out financing. Manufactures of your carpet and upholstery equipment offer financing plans for purchasing your equipment.

7 Talk to several insurance agents and choose the best liability plan for your business. You will want a plan that covers any unforeseen accidents in your customer's home, such as ruined carpet, breakage, or any other type of damage that might occur.

Professionalism will go a long way with your customers. Make sure you and your employees conduct business in a professional manner. You must dress neatly. Uniforms with your business logo on the shirt will give you the look of professionalism. Your business is a service type of business that will take you into customer's homes. How you dress and act will greatly affect your business.

Usually you will be cleaning more than one room at a time in your customers home. A good estimate of time for an ordinary job will be around two hours. Figure out your cost for material and the time spent and charge accordingly making sure you are making a profit. Charging extra fees for extra spot cleaning or for cleaning larger rooms is expected. Survey the job to be done ahead of time and give a written estimate to your customer.

Opening a carpet and upholstery cleaning business will not only require that you sell your services, but it will require that you also sell yourself. Your success will depend on what effort you are willing to put into it.

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Cleaning Trash Cans

The trash can is one of the dirtiest items in the world. One must be prepared to face the worst while cleaning these trash cans. The prime requirement without which the business is difficult is the transportation. A pickup truck or a customized vehicle is required to clean the trash cans. The vehicle is supposed to spray water and also store the wastewater in a separate compartment. Care must be taken not to spill any of the wastewater or garbage. The vehicle must have proper accessories to hold and lift the trash canisters.

The next important thing once the trash is emptied is to have a proper cleaning kit. Though the vehicle can be made to accommodate most of the cleaning functions, it is still a lot cheaper and better to have a set of tools to do the job manually.

A brush is needed to remove the grease and dirt present in the trash can. A trash bin can have any type of rubbish. So it is better to use different types of brushes to clean both sticky and damp dirt. Make sure that the brush can be extended and is capable of cleaning the corners.

Once the trash can is brushed, clean it or soak it with some disinfectant. Use a common disinfectant that is generally used in toilets etc. They are cheaper and easier to use. After this, the can is rinsed with water by spraying on it. Use a proper spraying tool for spraying water from some water hose.

Apply deodorizing agents to the trash can to remove the smell. It also adds a favourable smell to the trash can. Choose a cheap and strong agent for this.

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After this, make sure that you line them in a position for drying them under the sun. Use some rubber brushes to remove the water and then dry it completely using some cleaning towels. It is better to use paper towels for cleaning and drying the bins.

Always wear gloves. It is definitely unhygienic and unsafe to involve in this business without gloves or proper safety measures. Wear boots and gloves at all times. There are many types of gloves. Use rubber or plastic gloves for a smaller budget. However, thick gloves can resist wear and tear.

Carry a first aid kit with some antiseptic cream or liquid.

Trash bins are for storing both residential and commercial trash. They get accumulated fast and are prone to get dirty. The current need for cleanliness and hygiene has caused this business to flourish. This particular business requires appropriate recognition from environmental agencies and other waste management organizations. Trash cans in the locality need to be identified and then cleaned. Sometimes in commercial complexes there are a large amount of trash cans and hence the job for servicing and maintenance is more. The service includes brushing the dirt off the bin, disinfecting using a proper disinfectant, deodorizing for removing the stench, lining and labelling the trash bins.

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Computer Cleaning Business

There is at least one computer in every business today; probably more and we are not even talking about the home computer market, which is a huge potential market as well. Dirt and dust is attracted and by the electromagnetic force inside a CPU, leading to many problems if left unchecked. The Computer Cleaning Business is a viable business today.

Before starting on this business, one may require some basic tools. Among these tools are:

- A vacuum cleaner which is powerful but lightweight and preferably one which also includes a blower
- Brushes of all sizes to clean small corners and hard-to-reach areas
- Sanitizers
- A vehicle of your own to travel to offices and homes.

There are many companies that supply packages of supplying the tools/ equipment as well provide hands on training for those who are interested in starting this business. The only difference could be the different training cost involved.

The dirt and other contaminants tend to accumulate and build-up inside the unit and once inside, can prevent the heat from escaping. This will lead to the unit overheating even faster and potential breakdown. A computer that is dirty and overheated can cause it to run less efficiently. This will eventually cause data loss and system failure if left unclean.

Printers that are clogged with dirt and dust can also cause it to be susceptible to failures. This can easily be solved by removing dirt, paper particles, toner residue and other contaminants.

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The keyboard of a computer is one of the areas that is most susceptible to germs, viruses and bacteria. This is especially more so if used for many hours daily. The keyboard can and should be cleaned and sanitized of all harmful elements mentioned above so that it would be free of contagious diseases.

This is a viable business with huge potential and low overheads. There is no need to keep inventory, purchase or rent of store and there is also no administrative costs involved. This business is also flexible in the sense that you get to choose your own operating hours. There is no need for regular office hours as business can be made through appointments with clients. The computer cleaning business is where anybody can get into this and start today.

There is not much that is needed except the knowledge on how to clean and sanitize the computers and printers. There isn't much cost involved and most of the tools and equipment is not as costly compared to other businesses. Perhaps the main tool here would still be the vehicle that is to be used in providing this business.

As illustrated earlier, the computer cleaning business is a business with huge potential given the large number of PCs/Macs that are used in businesses as well as in most households. With the help of some clever marketing, this business can bring huge returns to its owner.

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Cooker Cleaning Business

Cleaning the oven is a task that is usually put off or never done. It is not a task that many people consider fun. From a business persons prospective though cleaning ovens can be a good way to make a lucrative living.

Opening a Cooker Cleaning Business is now becoming popular. This is a unique cleaning business. If you are good at cleaning ovens and have had some experience then you will want to start this niche market type of business. Follow these steps to a successful business.

1. One cleaning procedure you can offer is the stripping down of your customer's oven and using a de-carbonating bath to clean all loose parts. The de-carbonating bath will be done outside of the customer's house. Another procedure is using surfactants to renew racks and panels to a like new condition. These surfactants will clean off hard to clean carbon deposits. The next procedure will entail using precision tools, a good degreaser, and detergent cleaning fluids to make your customers cooker sparkling clean. All of these procedures can be done in 2-3 hours.
2. A comprehensive service to all your customers will make your business well rounded. Concentrating on not only domestic cookers but also offer your services for commercial cookers. You may want to include microwaves and extractor cleaning to your business. Branching out into supplying your customers need of oven bulbs, filters, seals for doors, and many more cooker parts will give you extra income for your business.
3. You may want to see what price list your competition has. Then you will want to price your services and supplies accordingly. After hours services should be priced slightly higher than normal business hours.

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4 Your employees and you to need to be fully insured. Going into customers homes leaves you open for liability if something was to go wrong. Contact several insurance agencies that specialize in this type of insurance and pick the best policy for your company.

5 Uniforms should be worn with employees name on the pocket. This will give you and your employees a look of professionalism. Cleaning cookers will need to be done in a professional manner. Drop cloths should always be used so as not to leave a mess in the customer's home. Politeness, knowledgeable answers to your customer's questions, and doing a professional job will ensure a returning customer.

Buying all of your cleaning products and supplies wholesale is advisable. Wholesale does not have to mean a cheap product though. You should purchase quality products from a reputable wholesaler. It is always good to put everything in writing. The customer always likes to be fully informed. Having your job description in writing will leave no room for questions of what is expected of you. Your customer's interest is also covered this way.

A cooker cleaning business will prove to be an adventure. With time you and your employees will become more efficient and more skilled. This business will provide you with the type of income you've always dreamed of.

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Drain Unblocking and Drain Cleaning

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to have a drain unblocking and drain cleaning business? Are you not intimidated by a clogged drain or scared of getting your hands dirty? If this sounds like you, then this type of business may be your calling. It will help if you have some drain unblocking and cleaning experience.

Customers will require your services for clogged or slow drains, stopped up garbage disposals, toilets and bath tubs that won't drain, just to name a few.

1. You will need tools of the trade. A long sewer snake will come in handy. A drain video camera can show you where the clog or break is in the plumbing. It also can show the material the pipe is made of. You won't have to even dig anything up because the drain video camera takes care of the location for you. There are several types of locating devices. You might want to invest in a jetting system that has high pressure and uses water. This system blasts water that breaks up grease and clogs in the pipes. This technology has made professional drain cleaning and unblocking affordable for homeowners and business owners. Using a drain snake auger will cut away obstructions in a customers drain.
2. You will want to decide what kind of fees you will charge for your services. You don't want to charge too high, but you don't want to charge too low and not make a profit. Check with local drain unblocking and cleaning professionals and see what they are charging for their services. You can charge accordingly, comparing your services to theirs and maybe add something extra that makes your service better than the competition.

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3 Vehicles for your business should be purchased. You might start out with a good used, dependable vehicle that has lots of storage room. It is always good to have a vehicle that can hold all of your tools and equipment. Estimates for vehicle insurance need to be reviewed closely so as to get the best policy. This will save your company money.

4 Customers and their homes should be treated with the utmost respect. Being professional in all of your communications with customers will give your business a good name. Your employees will need to wear uniforms that will convey who they are.

You will want to start off small. Buying accounting software will help you keep up with all of your finances, your debits and your credits. It can be expensive hiring an accountant for your business so buying accounting software and doing it on your own will save a considerable amount of money. You will also need to keep track of all your customers' information and a computer can help you do just that.

Holding a short course for your employees on safety will benefit your business. They need to know all the ways to stay safe on the job.

This type of business will be a big help to an enormous amount of people who cringe every time their toilet or drains become clogged.

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Home Cleaning Business

The Home Cleaning Business is on the 'up' these days so for you to venture into this field or vocation you need to have a sound idea of what you want to achieve from it and how 'big' you want it to grow.

As this is going to be your business…it is advisable to search around for the items you need to run it and get them at 'cost' value to you. Okay so you might not need a lot of this or that but it is a sound judgement on your part if you can keep your overheads down. Think of the cleaning items you have in your home and then, let's say, double that quantity to begin with. Items such as:

Brushes, Brooms, Dustpans, a good Industrial Vacuum Cleaner, Dusters, 'J' Cloths, Plastic Rubbish Bags, Bin Liners, Polishes (different types), Hygienic Cleaners, Air Fresheners and whatever else you feel is required to make your job easier and complete.

Competition is rife out there; you need only to look in the Yellow Pages to see what the competition is going to be. In the course of one's life you get to hear some very profound sayings and the one I will use here is that "If you have to advertise you can't be much good…" and that came from a very wise man, so think your business plan through thoroughly and come up with something unique about your business.

It is advisable for you to contact your local Council to see where you stand in regards to setting up your own business and by doing that you stop any 'nosey' neighbor sticking their nose into your business. For this type of business you will need two things and they are:

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Public Liability Insurance – that is a MUST these days and you can get cover for ridiculous amounts from one to five million dollars. Shop around for that, as different Insurers charge different prices and once you have got it then you need have no worries thinking about it.

Police Criminal Record Check – again sadly in this day and age this is a must and you will find that potential customers will feel more relaxed knowing they can leave you in their home to get on with your business whilst they are away if you have such accreditation.

Although you will be in the Cleaning Business it doesn't hurt to go to a customer's home reasonably attired because appearance is all part of the game. For this sort of business you will need a reliable form of transport so yes your own car will do. But on the other hand if you feel you cannot trust your car then think about leasing a suitable vehicle.

'Word of Mouth' is the best way for getting business so really once you get your feet on the first rung of the ladder and you can be proud of your business and show enthusiasm then 'Word of Mouth' will be your voice.

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Moving In/End of Tenancy Cleaning Business

The end of tenancy cleaning business is for reinstating the condition of the house as desired by the house owner once the tenant is about to vacate. The service can be for either the tenant or the landlord and the type of job depends on the person who calls. Generally tenants consider this service to get their end of tenancy agreement signed and hence there is not much work involved. However, when the landlord hires this service, then the work involved is more. The job is to clean and restore the bathrooms, bedrooms, kitchens, living room and even the hallway.

The tools for the trade depend mainly on the work and are pretty easy to choose from.

A vacuum machine is very basic equipment as the entire job revolves around cleaning. A vacuum cleaner with advanced options for dusting, cleaning, insect killing, carpet cleaning, mopping and tile cleaning will be easier to work with instead of keeping separate tools for each. A normal vacuum cleaner to suck the dirt and blow the dust will be enough. They can also be used for cleaning the edges of carpets in the living room and bedrooms.

A mopping stick is needed for mopping down the floors of kitchens, bathrooms, living room and hallway wherever there aren't any carpets. They are meant for cleaning the tiles and flooring with some proper disinfectant.

A broomstick or any other cleaning stick is required for sweeping the floors in case the vacuum cleaner is unavailable. They are also required for cleaning out the cobwebs in the ceiling or the corners. This is mainly required for the living room and walking area.

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A dusting tool is used for cleaning cupboards, shelves, wardrobes, and furniture and windowpanes. Alternatively a dust cloth can also be used for removing the dust mites.

A cleaning towel is needed for cleaning out the stones, tiles, marbles, granites in the kitchens and bathrooms. This along with a proper disinfectant or cleaning liquid can be used to scrub out the dirt and grease. They are for cleaning the wash basin, bath tub, toilets and sink. They can also be used for cleaning the window ledges, skirting boards and doors.

Next a mirror or glass cleaning set for cleaning and polishing the mirrors and glasses or windows. They can also be used for cleaning the taps and other bathroom/kitchen fittings.

Use a proper kitchen cleaning kit for cleaning out the griller, oven, stove, dishwasher, freezer, refrigerator and radiator. The grillers usually have a lot of grease and so use some dish washer along with the cloth for cleaning it.

For bathrooms, use proper brushes, cleaning scrub, disinfectant, cleaning solution, and some tubes for spraying water if necessary.

Choose appropriate dishwasher, cleaning liquids, disinfectant and soaps. Carry a clean set of towels and paper napkins.

This business is truly an on-call basis and requires some proper transportation to carry the vacuum cleaner and other equipments. Moreover, it is wiser to be prepared at all times.

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Office Cleaning Business

As long as there have been offices, they have been office-sized messes. A good work environment is a clean and organized one, and employers will pay to make sure their business keeps operating smoothly. For anyone who is self-motivated and who doesn't mind handling a vacuum there is money to be made.

An office cleaning business has very low initial costs; all you need to do your job are the products you will be cleaning with, disinfectants, brooms, brushes, dustpans, refuse bags, disposable gloves. All other money that you have invested into the business should be spent on marketing to get your name out to the hiring public. There is no need for any fancy qualifications and certificates. While you will have to replace supplies as they are used up, nearly all the money you make will be profit. The job of cleaning an office building is very easy, and won't seem tedious at all when you realize how much money you are making.

Most people thinking about starting an office cleaning business may worry that there is not enough money and very little job security. But when you become your own boss, you work at your own pace and can make as much money as you are willing to work for. This flexibility also means you can take time off when you need it.

There are several advantages to cleanings offices rather than homes. Generally, homeowners are pickier about the final product. They want everything to be perfect. Office managers will want the workplace organized well, but won't be so specific about the little things. Companies will also often offer contracts, meaning you can be sure to have work for a long period of time, whereas a home owner may terminate your services whenever and for whatever reason.

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An office cleaning business will operate almost exclusively after the office workers have gone home. You need to be sure that you can work the evening shifts and that it will not conflict with other commitments you have made.

You should be able to find clients quickly as there are always places that need cleaning. Be sure that when you meet a prospective client you dress appropriately. Especially if you are planning on cleaning an office environment you should dress for the part. Don't appear in a t-shirt and jeans to sign the contract, you may get several disapproving glances and a much shorter contract than you might have liked.

You can always expand your cleaning services if you feel like making more money. You can offer to shampoo clean the carpets, wash the windows or anything you can imagine which needs cleaning. There are many parts of the office that get dirty and you can charge more for your services as you do additional tasks. For speciality jobs you may want to rent rather than purchase the costly equipment required for the task. Your expanding office cleaning business may also consider hiring other employees, so that you can accomplish more. With all this money to be made, you will soon be able to clean off your bills with no problem at all!

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Window Cleaning Business

The Window Cleaning Business is very competitive, and very lucrative too. There are always people out there that are willing to pay other people to do the dirty work of cleaning their windows for them. Operating a window cleaning service as a business is not only rewarding financially but can also be fun and engaging. This is what you need to do to get started in a window cleaning business.

First, you need some supplies. The common window cleaning supplies would include squeegees, adjustable ladder, pressure cleaners, water-fed scrubbers and buckets, among others. More equipment may be needed for additional services but these are the basic supplies needed for starting a small-time window cleaning business.

Aside from the window cleaning equipment, you would need to procure a vehicle. This vehicle will be your mobile headquarters, and with which you will drive to your clients' houses. These vehicles need not be as sophisticated as you think service vehicles should be; it should just be big enough to carry all the needed supplies and equipment to the site. A personalized paint job may be needed as well to broadcast your business to the public when you drive around in the vehicle. If you have a van or an SUV, you can use that as well or you can choose to buy a new one if you have the financing.

You would also need office space in order to organize the business. You can use existing space in your home to serve as a makeshift office, or you can lease space if you can afford it. You would also need basic office equipment like filing cabinets, a desk, a phone line dedicated to your business and a computer. Employees may not be needed in the beginning, but if you plan to expand then you would certainly need an assistant.

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Just like any business, you need to be able to build up a contact base that will make up your customers. The most effective way to do this is to go around your neighborhood, and ask around whom among your neighbors would be willing to avail of professional window cleaning services for a fee. You can have some calling cards made up, and you can distribute these around town.

If you want, you can have some sort of promo and offer free window cleaning services to introduce your business to your neighbors, or you can park your service vehicle in public parks and hold introductions to anyone who'll be interested. You can perform free demonstrations for your friends and, as long as they are satisfied with the outcome, you can expect your contacts to come through for you and give you some referrals in return for the free window cleaning service.

As you could see, it is very easy to set up your own window cleaning business. The requirements are very easy to find, and marketing is not difficult. Once you get yourself started on setting up your own window cleaning business, you'll be up and running in as less time as possible.

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Laundry Service

The very mention of the word "laundry day" can send shivers down the spine of even the most committed parent. Clothes are meant to be worn and once they have, somebody has to clean them. Many simply can't find the time out of their busy schedule to confront the problem. As the brave entrepreneur, you can see this frightening chore as a way to earn some good money.

The price of the average washing machine is dropping, but the demand for laundry services' still remains high. The highest demand comes from apartment and student populations who move often or are unwilling to buy their own machines. You need to find a location that will accommodate for these groups to get the most out of your investment. Also make sure there are no competitors nearby, as they will likely already be the trusted choice in the community. People will not want to drive with their laundry for hours just to get it washed, so make sure you are close to the action. You don't need any fancy qualifications or certificates to get your business off the ground, just self-motivation and some money to invest.

Your new laundry service can be run out of a business location or out of your own home. Both have their advantages and disadvantages. If you work from home, you'll need to make arrangements for how the laundry will get to your house. Optimally the customer will drop it off, but if they are unwilling or unable to do so, you might need to be ready to pick it up yourself.

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Operating your service out of a business building may open your company to more clients, but is also more costly. The start up expenses in this case are high, as you will need to buy a fair number of washing and drying machines to accommodate the paying public. Several staff members will need to be on hand as well, to ensure everything runs smoothly and to take action if a machine breaks down. However, once the business has gotten going, you will see fewer expenses and more profit. You can also save money on hefty repair bills if you take the time to learn about the ins and outs of the machines yourself, either in a class or through an Internet tutorial, so that you can fix any problems that may crop up. Be sure to communicate with your customers; create a friendly environment that will make them want to return.

You can expand the business as it grows and add a number of additional luxury services, which will let you charge more. For instance, you may want to give the customer the choice of having their laundry ironed. You need to consider how much extra work this will be, so that you are sure you can handle it, but you can find yourself earning even more than you thought possible.

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Ironing Business

There are many people who hate to iron or simply do not have the time. Starting an ironing service can be a great way to fill a need in your local area. There are basic tools you will need to start your endeavor.

1. First and foremost, you will need an iron and an ironing board. There are models costing from ten dollars to a thousand dollars. You can even find professional pressing equipment that runs in to the tens of thousands. It all depends on your starting budget and what workload you plan to undertake.
2. You will also need to decide which type of service you want to offer, drop off or full service. Some companies require that the consumer bring the clothing to the provider while others will pick up and return the items. If you offer a delivery service, you can often charge more.
3. If you are delivering the laundry, you will need a vehicle that can transport the items without wrinkling them all over again. If you have a large clientele base you may need a van that has rods to hang the clothing on. You will want to insure the vehicle as well, in case you have a mishap and someone's clothing gets ruined.
4. Hangers are a must have when offering an ironing service. You will want to have hangers that are designed for the various types of clothing, such as pants, skirts and shirts.
5. An ironing service will also require garment bags to cover the clothes. You can buy these in rolls or individually separated. However, the rolls are often cheaper.
6. Receipt books are a must with this type of service as well. Some customers will need a receipt to turn in as a business expense. You will want these to be numbered and in duplicate, that way if a customer has an issue, you can track the service you provided.

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7 One important thing about starting this type of business is having the space to work. You will need a way to store clothes both before and after the ironing. This could include a bar or rack to hang clothes on.

In most cases, you will not have to be certified or need special training to provide this type of service. However, ironing is not always an easy job to do. You will need to understand the different types of materials and products that can be used. Ironing a blended material is a lot different than ironing pure cotton. You will also need to understand common terms in the ironing business. Some customers will want a double starch or a stiff pleat. Some people prefer to have their pants ironed without a pleat at all. There are books and websites you can use to research additional terms and styles.

There are also different types of starches and chemicals that are used in the ironing process. While you probably will not need to purchase them all up front, some customers may request a special project. In some cases, you can buy these products in bulk to save money.

Ironing can be a hot and tiring way to earn a living, but doing it from home does provide the flexibility to make your own hours and decisions.

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